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The Honorable Denny Hoskins, CPA
Speaker Pro Tem
Missouri House of Representatives
201 West Capitol Avenue
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101-6806

Dear Mr. Hoskins:

Thank you for your letter dated April 20, 2015, co-signed by 31 Missouri House of Representatives members, regarding the West Lake Landfill Superfund site. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency values input and statements of support from state and local elected officials on the important work required at superfund sites such as the West Lake Landfill. Your letter notes the vital additional site-related scientific efforts the Agency has undertaken with the help of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Geological Survey in the past few years, since the 2008 Record of Decision for Operable Unit 1 at the Site.

As you know, in 2010 the Agency made the decision to conduct additional studies to further evaluate the remedy selected in the 2008 ROD, as well as partial and full excavation remedial options. I acknowledge that those studies have taken a considerable length of time to complete but assure you that this agency is committed to concluding this process as quickly as scientifically feasible.

My predecessor, Karl Brooks, committed the EPA to announcing our proposed OU1 remedy decision to the public by the end of calendar year 2016 and we continue to work diligently towards meeting that goal. If you have any questions regarding the status of work at the site, please feel free to call me at 913-551-7006 or contact our Congressional Liaison, LaTonya Sanders, at 913-551-7555 to arrange further discussions.

Sincerely,


Mark Hague
Acting Regional Administrator

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